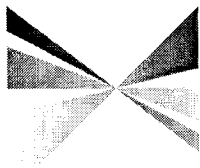


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OPEN SPACE WORKING GROUP

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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"Any item listed on the agenda (action or information) may be acted upon at the discretion of the Committee."

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mark Pisano,
Executive Director

2.0 **ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR**

3.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

4.0 **REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

5.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

5.1 **Received and File**

5.1.1 **Open Working Group Invitees Attachment**

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6.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

6.1 **Open Space Habitat Issues**

Staff and consultant will provide an overview of the major topics and issues for open space and habitat planning for the region.

Jacob Lieb,
SCAG Staff
and Jean Carr
Jones & Stokes

15 minutes



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6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

6.2 Regional Comprehensive Plan
Background
Attachment

Jacob Lieb.
SCAG Staff

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15 minutes

Staff will introduce the RCP approach,
contents, and schedule.

6.3 Open Space and Habitat Chapter
Handout

Jean Carr,
Jones & Stokes

30 minutes

6.4 Working Group Organization

Jessica
Kirchner,
SCAG Staff

15 minutes

Staff will lead a discussion on the purpose
and strategy for the Open Space Working
Group.

6.5 Open Space Working Group Future
Meeting Schedule

Chairperson

10 minutes

The Group will discuss and determine
a standard meeting day and time.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any members or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda
may make such request. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Open Space Working Group is to be determined.



Open Working Group Invitees
July 2006

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Mr. Jonathan Choi	Building Industry Association of So. Cal.
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Ann Croissant, Ph.D.	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy
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Mr. Scott Thomas	Sea and Sage Audubon Society
Mr. Greg Thomsen	California Bureau of Land Management
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MEMO

DATE: July 11, 2006

TO: Open Space Working Group

FROM: Jacob Lieb, Program Manager II, (213) 236-1921, lieb@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Regional Comprehensive Plan Background

SUMMARY:

One of the primary purposes of the Open Space Working Group is to provide input and comments on the preparation of SCAG's new Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). This report serves as a brief overview of the RCP approach, contents, and schedule.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG is preparing an RCP at the direction of the Regional Council. While the RCP is not a required activity under State or Federal law, the process is being developed at SCAG's discretion in order to fulfill several critical planning functions including:

- Serves as a basis for Inter-Governmental Review under CEQA
- Addresses several planning requirements under the new federal transportation law (SAFETELU)
- Follows through on identified mitigation measures in the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

Beyond these specific functions, the goal of the RCP is to organize and collect the full body of current regional planning work, and to set a clear course of action for implementing the region's future vision for growth, infrastructure, and environmental protection.

The RCP will have 9 full chapters, including:

- Energy
- Land Use and Housing
- Open Space and Habitat
- Air Quality
- Water
- Economy
- Transportation
- Security and Emergency Preparedness
- Solid and Hazardous Waste

In addition to these full chapters, the plan will feature a special focus section on public finance.

Each chapter will contain the following elements:

- Existing Setting and Conditions
- Existing Plans and Policies
- Action Plan

- Performance Outcomes and Indicators

The key focus of each chapter will be the development of performance outcomes, and that will also be an important activity for the Open Space Working Group.

SCHEDULE

The RCP is being developed as a companion to the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan. As such, we currently anticipate adopting the plan in December 2007, with a draft circulating by approximately July 2007.

OUTREACH AND PLAN DEVELOPMENT

It is SCAG's intent to develop the RCP with the fullest possible participation and involvement. As such, SCAG is either utilizing existing stakeholder groups or forming new ones (as with Open Space) for each chapter topic. Each working group should, in turn, suggest and direct further outreach activities.